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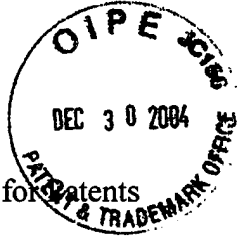
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Re: **Status Inquiry – 2nd Request**
Applicant: MICHAELSON, ET AL.
Invention: STERILIZATION APPARATUS FOR ORTHODONTIC BANDS
Application No. 10/050,400
Filing Date: 01/15/2002
Group Art Unit: 1744
Our File: STES104

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please provide me with the status of the above-referenced utility patent application. Our last correspondence with the Patent Office was the Notice of Publication.

Thank you.

Best regards,

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